

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print designating method, comprising the step of:

storing, in a print designation file in a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored, print designating information to designate an image to be printed stored in the recording medium,

wherein the print designating information includes: file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to be printed; and file type identifying information for identifying whether the subject file is a moving image file or a still image file,

wherein if the subject file is the moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file.

2. The print designating method as defined in claim 1, wherein the file specifying information includes at least one of a path indicating a storage location of the subject file and a file number of the subject file.

3. The print designating method as defined in claim 1, wherein the file type identifying information includes a format type of the subject file.

4. The print designating method as defined in claim 1, wherein the file type identifying information includes information directly indicating whether the subject file is the moving image file or the still image file.

5. The print designating method as defined in claim 1, wherein the file type identifying information includes an extension of a file name of the subject file.

6. The print designating method as defined in claim 1, wherein the file type identifying information includes file type information indicating a file type of the subject file, the file type information being included as initial letters of a file name of the subject file.

7. The print designating method as defined in claim 1, wherein the scene specifying information includes a frame number specifying where a frame corresponding to the image data of the subject scene is in the moving image file.

8. The print designating method as defined in claim 1, wherein the scene specifying information includes start position information of the image data of the subject scene in the moving image file.

9. The print designating method as defined in claim 8, wherein the start position information includes an offset address from one of a top of the moving image file and a bottom of a header of the moving image file.

10. The print designating method as defined in claim 8, wherein the scene specifying information further includes information indicating a length of the image data of the subject scene.

11. A printing method for printing an image designated with print designating information stored in a print designation file in a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored,

wherein the print designating information includes: file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to be printed; and file type identifying information for identifying whether the subject file is a moving image file or a still image file,

wherein if the subject file is the moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file,

wherein the printing method comprises the steps of:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information; and

determining whether the subject file is the still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file in the determining step, the printing method further comprises the step of printing the image data in the subject file,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file in the determining step, the printing method further comprises the steps of:

reading the scene specifying information;

taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information; and

printing the image data of the subject scene.

12. A print designating device, comprising:

a print designation file preparing device which stores, in a print designation file in a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored, print designating information to designate an image to be printed stored in the recording medium,

wherein the print designating information includes: file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to be printed; and file type identifying information for identifying whether the subject file is a moving image file or a still image file,

wherein if the subject file is the moving image file, the print designating

information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file.

13. The print designating device as defined in claim 12, wherein:

the print designating device comprises an electronic camera comprising an imaging device and a recording device which encodes and stores image data obtained through the imaging device in the recording medium; and

the electronic camera stores the file including the image data and the print designation file in the recording medium.

14. A printing device for printing an image designated with print designating information stored in a print designation file in a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored,

wherein the print designating information includes: file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to be printed; and file type identifying information for identifying whether the subject file is a moving image file or a still image file,

wherein if the subject file is the moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file,

wherein the printing device comprises:

a print designation file reading device which reads the print designation file in the recording medium;

a subject file reading device which reads the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information in the print designation file;

a file type determining device which determines whether the subject file is the still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the

~~file type identifying information in the print designation file; and~~

a print controlling device,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file by the file type determining device, the print controlling device executes printing of the image data in the subject file,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file by the file type determining device, the print controlling device reads the scene specifying information in the print designation file, takes the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information, and executes printing of the image data of the subject scene.

15. A print designating method, comprising the steps of:

storing print designating information in a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored; and

executing printing of an image designated with the print designating information,

wherein the print designating information includes: file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to be printed; and file type identifying information for identifying a file type of the subject file,

wherein if the subject file is a moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file.

16. A program recording medium in which a program for performing a process with a computer is stored, the process comprising the step of:

accessing a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored, and reading out information from the recording medium,

wherein if the recording medium has a print designation file in which print designating information is stored, the print designating information including: file specifying information for specifying a subject file including an image to be printed; and file type identifying information for identifying a file type of the subject file, wherein if the subject file is a moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file; then the process further comprises the steps of:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information; and

determining whether the subject file is a still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file in the determining step, the process further comprises the step of executing printing of the image data in the subject file,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file in the determining step, the process further comprises the steps of:

reading the scene specifying information;

taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information; and

executing printing of the image data of the subject scene.

17. A signal representing a program for performing a process with a computer, the process comprising the step of:

accessing a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored, and reading out information from the recording medium,

wherein if the recording medium has a print designation file in which print designating information is stored, the print designating information

including: file specifying information for specifying a subject file including an image to be printed; and file type identifying information for identifying a file type of the subject file, wherein if the subject file is a moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file; then the process further comprises the steps of:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information; and

determining whether the subject file is a still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file in the determining step, the process further comprises the step of executing printing of the image data in the subject file,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file in the determining step, the process further comprises the steps of:

reading the scene specifying information;

taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information; and

executing printing of the image data of the subject scene.

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